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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft

Dear Sirs,

The litigation against the Microsoft company is unwarranted and an abuse of the United States legal system. Microsoft became the leading software manufacturer not because of monopolistic tendencies, but from offering a superior product and meeting the customers needs. If anyone wanted to use an alternative operating system for a personal computer, they could and can choose from Linux, IBM's ill conceived OS2, or Apple. Microsoft got to the point were they are because their operating system is superior, less prone to crashes and meets the needs of the consumer. The other products listed do not meet the higher standards of Microsoft. I am a computer contract worker; I have used the products listed above and Microsoft's Windows, although not perfect, is better. Microsoft's internet explorer was always more stable and rugged than Netscape's products.

I am angry that my tax dollars are being abused and wasted prosecuting a company that gained success in the market place from a superior product. I see this as nothing more than an extortion attempt by lawyers, and the state and federal government.

The settlement agreement, itself, is another disgrace of the abuse of the law. If Microsoft had truly been abusive to its customers, overcharged, or exhibited Monopolistic behavior, then computer owner's suffered the lost. Instead, the state governments and the federal government is extorting Microsoft to provide computers and software to the public schools. This in nothing but socialism/communism, not Justice! Since when did redistribution of wealth enter into compensation of a separate class of non-litigants.

That is my opinion. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Clayton B'Hymer